

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims represents the pending claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A signal describing method for describing feature data characteristic of input data, comprising the steps of:
 - dividing said input data into a plurality of segments;
 - calculating features of a respective segment, wherein a color feature is calculated by denoting a color histogram;
 - measuring similarities between segments based on their calculated features;
 - grouping said segments into scenes based on their calculated features and measured similarities;
 - generating feature data corresponding to said scenes; and
 - transmitting said feature data with said input data,wherein said feature data is described using descriptors each having its attributes defined as lower-level elements.
2. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the input data includes at least one of visual data and audio data included in a video data.
3. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the descriptor is generated to inherit functions from a higher-class descriptor including the capability of structuring.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the attribute as the lower-level element is structured by defining the attribute of the descriptor and/or a special attribute.
5. (Previously Presented) A data processor for generating feature data characteristic of input data, comprising:
- dividing means for dividing said input data into a plurality of segments;
 - calculating means for calculating features of a respective segment, said calculating means being operable to calculate a color feature denoting a color histogram;
 - measuring means for measuring similarities between segments based on their calculated features;
 - grouping means for grouping said segments into scenes based on their calculated features and measured similarities;
 - generating means for generating feature data corresponding to said scene; and
 - transmitting means for transmitting said feature data with said input data,
- wherein said feature data is described using descriptors each having its attributes defined as lower-level elements.
6. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 5, wherein the input data includes at least one of visual data and audio data included in a video data.
7. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 5, wherein the descriptor is generated to inherit functions from a higher-class descriptor including the capability of structuring.

8. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 5, wherein the attribute as the lower-level element is structured by defining the attribute of the descriptor and/or a special attribute.
9. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 5, wherein the feature data is sent along with the input data to an external apparatus.
10. (Previously Presented) A data processor for utilizing feature data characteristic of input data, comprising:
 - dividing means for dividing said input data into a plurality of segments;
 - calculating means for calculating features of a respective segment, said calculating means being operable to calculate a color feature denoting a color histogram;
 - measuring means for measuring similarities between segments based on their calculated features;
 - grouping means for grouping said segments into scenes based on their calculated features and measured similarities;
 - generating means for generating feature data corresponding to said scene;
 - transmitting means for transmitting said feature data with said input data; and
 - means for restoring a feature of the input data using feature data described with descriptors each having its attributes defined as lower-level elements.
11. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 10, wherein the input data includes at least one of visual data and audio data included in a video data.
12. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 10, wherein the descriptor is generated to inherit functions from a higher-class descriptor including the capability of structuring.

13. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 10, wherein the attribute as the lower-level element is structured by defining the attribute of the descriptor and/or a special attribute.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 10, wherein the feature data is received along with the input data from an external apparatus.